

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today.
It will next meet on Tuesday, December 7, 2004
at 9:30 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 5424–5429; and 1 resolution, and H. Res. 869, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 868, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 108–795).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Simpson to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Correcting the enrollment of H.R. 4818: Concur in the Senate amendment to H. Con. Res. 528, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 4818, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 381 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 543;

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Limiting the transfer of certain Commodity Credit Corporation funds: S. 2856, to limit the transfer of certain Commodity Credit Corporation funds between conservation programs for technical assistance for the programs—clearing the measure for the President;

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Federal Employee Dental and Vision Benefits Enhancement Act of 2004: S. 2657, to amend part III of title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of programs under which supplemental dental and vision benefits are made available to Federal employees, retirees, and their dependents, to expand the contracting authority of the Office of Personnel Management—clearing the measure for the President;

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Amending the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999: Concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 4012, to amend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 to reauthorize for 2 additional years the public school and private school tuition assistance programs established under the Act—clearing the measure for the President; and

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Amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986: H.R. 5394, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the taxation of arrow components.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:39 p.m. and reconvened at 6:01 p.m.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate appears on page 10898.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yeas-and-nays vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H10918. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any resolution reported on the legislative day of December 7, 2004, providing for consideration or disposition of a conference report to accompany the bill (S. 2845) to reform the intelligence community and the intelligence and the intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, and for other purposes.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1113)

H.R. 1113, to authorize an exchange of land at Fort Frederica National Monument. (Public Law 108-417)

H.R. 1284, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to increase the Federal share of the costs of the San Gabriel Basin demonstration project. (Public Law 108-418)

H.R. 1417, to amend title 17, United States Code, to replace copyright arbitration royalty panels with Copyright Royalty Judges. (Public Law 108-419)

H.R. 1446, to support the efforts of the California Missions Foundation to restore and repair the Spanish colonial and mission-era missions in the State of California and to preserve the artworks and artifacts of these missions. (Public Law 108-420)

H.R. 1964, to assist the States of Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania in con-

serving priority lands and natural resources in the Highlands region. (Public Law 108-421)

H.R. 3936, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the authorization of appropriations for grants to benefit homeless veterans, to improve programs for management and administration of veterans' facilities and health care programs. (Public Law 108-422)

H.R. 4516, to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program of research and development to advance high-end computing. (Public Law 108-423)

H.R. 4593, to establish wilderness areas, promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for the high quality development in Lincoln County, Nevada. (Public Law 108-424)

H.R. 4794, to amend the Tijuana River Valley Estuary and Beach Sewage Cleanup Act of 2000 to extend the authorization of appropriations. (Public Law 108-425)

H.R. 5163, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide the Department of Transportation a more focused research organization with an emphasis on innovative technology. (Public Law 108-426)

H.R. 5213, to expand research information regarding multidisciplinary research projects and epidemiological studies. (Public Law 108-427)

H.R. 5245, to extend the liability indemnification regime for the commercial space transportation industry. (Public Law 108-428)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Medicaid Prescription Drug Reimbursement: Why the Government Pays too Much," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on Ukraine's Election: Next Steps, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.